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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 00915

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINR, EC

SUBJECT: BIO INFORMATION: PESANTES, ARMANDO

REF: QUITO 714

PESANTES HAS BEEN ECUADOR'S LOW-PROFILE AMBASSADOR IN BELGIUM SINCE DECEMBER, 1972. WE UNDERSTAND HE REGARDED THIS AS HIS LAST POST IN A LONG PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR. HE TOLD FRIENDS HE WAS DRAFTED FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER POST BECAUSE THE JUNTA WANTED TO RUSH UP ITS IMAGE WITH A FEW CIVILIANS IN THE CABINET. HIS WIFE, A PLEASANT, UNASSUMING WOMAN, HAS SAID SHE WOULD JUST AS SOON PASS THE HONOR. PESANTES HAS A BROTHER IN SENIOR RANKS OF ECUADOREAN MILITARY. WE HAVE NOT HAD OCCASION TO LOOK INTO HIS POLITICAL VIEWS. OUR IMPRESSION IS OF A FAMILIAR TYPE OF TRANDITIONAL LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DE BUENA FAMILIA. FIRESTONE

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